

### **Remarks/Arguments**

Claims 1-71 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 23, 27, 45, 54, and 57 have been amended herein. Claims 3-4, 6-8, 11-12, 14-16, 19-20, 25-26, 28-30, 33-34, 36-38, 41-42, 55-56, 60-63, and 69-70 have been cancelled herein to remove all duplicative claims. Claims 1-2, 5, 9-10, 13, 17-18, 21-24, 27, 31-32, 35, 39-40, 43-54, 57-59, 64-68 and 71 will be pending upon entry of this response.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-22 and 45-71 under 35 U.S.C. §101, asserting these claims are merely mental steps. Specifically, the Examiner stated that there was no machine or transformation recited in these claims. Applicants have amended claims 1, 45 and 54 to recite a “computing platform,” which is supported in the specification as element 1000 of Figure 10 and discussed at paragraphs [0053]-[0054]. The computing platform 1000 includes at least a processor 1002, memory 1004 and modules 1010. Claims 1, 45 and 54, and all claims dependant therefrom, recite patentable subject matter under Section 101.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6-25, 28-55 and 58-71 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 4-5, 26-27 and 56-57 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claim 4 into claim 1; the limitations of claim 26 into claim 23, and the limitations of claim 56 into claim 54. Thus, amended claims 1, 23 and 54 are submitted to be allowable. Additionally, independent claim 45 has been amended to recite limitations similar to claims 1, 23, and 54. Thus, claim 45 is also submitted to be allowable. All claims dependent from independent claims 1, 23, 45 and 54 are allowable for the same reasons that each base independent claim is allowable. Applicants submit that claims 1-2, 5, 9-10, 13, 17-18, 21-24, 27, 31-32, 35, 39-40, 43-54, 57-59, 64-68 and 71 are allowable. All amendments are being made herein solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter.

Applicants believe they have responded to the Examiner's concerns, and that the application is in condition for allowance. A notice of allowability is respectfully requested. Should any outstanding issues remind, Applicants request the Examiner call the undersigned attorney.

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